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Happenings Through Georgia.

Crops Injured by Rains and Winds--But Fruit and Melons all Right--Rich Candidates for Governor--Puns on Perry's Poor Plymouth Rock--The News a Welcome Visitor.

Mr. Editor:—

Heavy rains have fallen through the central portion and also the south portion of this state; severe wind and lightning also accompanied the rain, in some cases, playing sad havoc with the crops. In some portions the grass is getting the best of the crops and with labor scarce and the ground too wet to plow, the prospects are in no wise flattering.

Along with the delicious peaches now rapidly ripening, comes the genuine Georgia watermelon.—How can the farmers expect labor to be plentiful, when it is such an easy matter for a negro to live through the summer months on blackberries, peaches and watermelons? There seems to be a pretty full crop of each and all of these fruits and the trifling, worthless negroes feast on them and give the farmer to understand that they don't have to work "no how."

The exceedingly hot campaign for governor now being made in this state is composed of men who are worth more, financially, than any "drove" of candidates who have ever faced the people of Georgia before as candidates for governor, each of them, except Russell, having a rating of over a quarter of a million dollars.—Hence, Sam Jones' prediction that the office of governor will go to the highest bidder. We predict the election of Hoke Smith, by a handsome majority.

The promoters of the inter-urban railway from this city to Atlanta promise that work will begin on the grading in three weeks' time and that in less than eighteen months time, we will have electric cars running on this route. Already the fellows, some of them, who were raised in the country and have a longing in their hearts to get back again, where the cool, fresh, summer breezes gently blow, are planning to build homes along this railway line, near the city, and still attend to their work here.

Taking it for granted that the story in the last issue of The News, about the wonderful hen of Mr. Perry Mackey, was not eggs-aggerated, we think she must have been pretty well contented to stay in the well or she would have gotten eggs-cited and made her eggs-it out through the top of the well.

The News is always a welcome visitor. It brings to us accounts of the principal happenings

throughout the county. It tells us what our old Lancaster friends and acquaintances are doing, who is getting married, who the latest candidates for county office are, nowadays, etc. Saddest of all, is the fact that nearly every issue chronicles the death of some citizen of the county. Occasionally, some comparatively young man or woman, sometimes still younger ones, sometimes some of her very old ones, but surely and rapidly, they are passing away.

Former Lancasterian.

Macon, Ga.

The Franklin Circle

Charmingly Entertained by Mrs. Perry--Steps Taken to Secure a Park--The Circle Leads in Contributions to Reformatory School.

Reported for The News.

The Franklin Circle was entertained by Mrs. M. J. Perry last Monday afternoon. All present enjoyed Mrs. Perry's charming hospitality and the delicious water and fruit ices served during the afternoon.

Civic Improvement in many of its phases was discussed and steps were taken to secure a park. A letter was read from Mrs. McKisick, giving this Circle the credit for being the "Banner Club" of the state in the matter of contributions to the Reformatory School, and a grateful acknowledgment of the \$50. sent her for this purpose. Some of the Directors of this School made an offer to the Circle to send a boy to this school in consideration for the noble response they made to the appeal for help.

Lady Killed by Lightning.

Prosperity special in News and Courier: During a thunderstorm this afternoon lightning struck the house of I. J. Lowman, in the lower part of Newberry County, and killed Mrs. Harman, a visitor, and it is thought that Lowman cannot live. The extent of the further damage is unknown. Several other persons in the house were severely shaken up by the same bolt.

Another Survey of County Line?

We are informed that there is to be a new survey of the County line dividing Lancaster and Kershaw counties. For what purpose we are not informed however.—The survey we are told is to be made by Kershaw County.

It can only be time and money wasted, for such a survey could have no legal sanction. If a line located at the instance of both counties is not to be regarded as final a line run under the directions of one certainly could not settle anything.—Kershaw Era.

More Speeches.

What Candidates Other than those for Governor had to Say at Opening of State Campaign.

Condensed from St. George special in Columbia Record: Senator T. G. McLeod was announced as the sole candidate for the lieutenant governorship. The senator is a happy speaker and he said he was especially happy when he found that everybody was so set on his being lieutenant governor that they were giving it to him without opposition. He argued strongly for common schools and declared that what South Carolina needs most is an intelligent citizenship.

The candidates for SECRETARY OF STATE spoke next, Mr. R. M. McCown leading. He felt that his experience as assistant to the present secretary fitted him to perform the duties of the office properly. His election, he declared, would be a guarantee that honesty in office would prevail.

Mr. J. B. Morrison, of Charleston, followed. He had no resolution to back him up, but was running because he wanted to benefit the people. He advocated emigration, as more white labor was needed in this country.

Mr. L. M. Ragin, of Clarendon, was next. He was a candidate for secretary of state because he understood the duties of the office. He had been chief clerk of that office and at a smaller salary than is now paid.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Chairman Dennis announced the absence of Candidate J. Willard Rigsdale, who would join the party later.

Mr. J. Fraser Lyon, of Abbeville, was introduced. He began by stating that he would have very little to say on account of the absence of his opponents. He intended to be very definite in his remarks and wanted them to hear him. He wanted the people to know that he was unalterably opposed to the state dispensary and was the moral enemy of the grifter. He had been a dispensary advocate, but he had hung his head in shame when he saw how rotten it was.

The candidacy of Gen. Leroy F. Youmans was announced and Chairman Dennis read a letter from him stating that his duties as attorney general would prevent his participating in the campaign as fully as he wished, but that he would join the party as soon as he could recuperate from a recent severe attack of illness.

FOR COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Comptroller General A. W. Jones, who is a candidate to succeed himself, was prevented from being present by the illness of his mother.

Mr. G. L. Walker, of Green-

ville, for comptroller general, regretted exceedingly that his opponent was not present. The comptroller general during the last four years had taken every opportunity to advertise him to his discredit.

State Treasurer Jennings, who is unopposed for reelection, was absent, attending the marriage of a friend.

FOR ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Col. J. W. Boyd, of Greenville, led off. He was sorry he was not a graduate of the Citadel, but if elected he would guarantee to run the office as well as or better than it had been run.

Col. Lewis W. Haskell, of Richland, announced his candidacy for the same office. He graduated at the Citadel with first honors seventeen years ago as captain of his company and had taken active part in military matters ever since, being now the assistant to the adjutant general.

Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin was announced as a candidate to succeed himself, without opposition. He amused the crowd with a well told joke and then grew serious and earnest on the subject of the schools of South Carolina.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Mr. James Cansler, of Tazewell, made his third appearance as a candidate for the office of railroad commissioner. He was not despondent because he had been beaten before. He knew Wharton could not be re-elected as the people wanted a thorough-going man like himself. He advocated a one-cent-per-mile railroad fare for passengers.

Mr. John C. Sellers, of Marion, was surprised at Col. Wharton running for this office after holding it for six years as Wharton had used the argument of "no second term" when trying to oust his opponents.

Mr. J. M. Sullivan, of Anderson, had never been an applicant for state office before. A railroad commissioner should be a business man who stood as arbiter between the railroads and the people.

Mr. J. A. Summersett, of Richland, spoke next. He had no political record to point to, as that record was just beginning today. He thought that men had been elected as railroad commissioners who knew nothing about rates or the physical conditions of a railroad.

Col. J. H. Wharton, the incumbent, stood where he stood six years ago. He was the representative of the people and he had delivered the goods.

Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia, candidate for the United States senate, was introduced as the big gun. He was received with a great deal of noise and cries of "hurrah for Ben Tillman!" This was the first indication of any hilarity in the audience.

Colonel Lumpkin convulsed

Mr. W. R. Bennett Dead.

The Good Man and Gallant Old Confederate Veteran Breathed his Last Yesterday Morning, at his Home in Lancaster.

Mr. W. R. Bennett, one of Lancaster's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home here yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock. He had been in feeble health for some months. He had many friends and acquaintances throughout the county who will be pained to hear of his death.

Mr. Bennett was a native of Lancaster county, was a son of the late Simon Bennett and was born May 1st, 1829. He was, therefore, in his 78th year. He was twice married. His first wife was a widow, Mrs. Comfort Lambeth, daughter of the late Andrew Mackey. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Mackey, sister of his first wife, who survives him. He also leaves the following children: Messrs W. P., Simon, Thos R., Chas. D. and Ed. M. Bennett; Mrs. Mamie Beckham, Mrs. Jud Bell, and Misses Bessie and Daisy Bennett. Mr. Bennett is also survived by one brother, Mr. Harry Bennett, of Gainesville, Fla.

For three and a half years Mr. Bennett was in active service as a Confederate soldier and made an enviable record for bravery and fidelity in the discharge of duty. He was a member of Capt. J. C. Foster's cavalry company, in the 4th South Carolina regiment. He was one of eight brothers who fought valiantly for the cause of the Confederacy.

Mr. Bennett moved from his old home in the Mt. Carmel section to this place about ten years ago. For twenty-five years he was a steward of the Mt. Carmel Methodist church. He was a devoted christian and always took a great interest in church work. He was a man of uncompromising integrity of character and enjoyed the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. Of pleasing, affable manners, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact.

The remains of Mr. Bennett will be buried here this morning at 10 o'clock, in the new cemetery. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed.

the crowd with his introductory remarks. "My wife's husband ain't very pretty!" It was time for the "home made gallus and the patch-breeches man" to save this country.

Voice—Ben will save it!

Col. Lumpkin—My friend, if Balaam were here, I would tell him, "Balaam, your old mule is loose and I hear him talk!"—(Laughter.)